

Thursday, May 13, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5193–S5319

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1028–1052, and S. Res. 101–102. **Pages S5264–65**

Measures Passed:

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, appointing Patricia Mack Bryan as Senate Legal Counsel. **Pages S5318–19**

Juvenile Justice: Senate continued consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5193–S5259**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 113), Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 335, relating to the availability of Internet filtering and screening software. **Pages S5193–94**

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 115), Ashcroft Amendment No. 342, to enhance penalties for the unlawful use by or transfer to juveniles of a handgun, ammunition, large capacity ammunition feeding devices, or semiautomatic assault weapons. **Pages S5215–20, S5236–38**

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 343, to provide for a ban on importing large capacity ammunition feeding devices, to prohibit the transfer to and possession by juveniles of semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and to enhance criminal penalties for transfers of handguns, ammunition, semiautomatic assault weapons, and large capacity ammunition feeding devices to juveniles. (By 39 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5220–27, S5237–38**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 328, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience. (By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5193, S5195–S5214**

Pending:

Hatch/Craig Amendment No. 344, to provide for effective gun law enforcement, enhanced penalties, and facilitation of background checks at gun shows. (By 3 yeas to 94 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5227–36, S5238–40**

Schumer Amendment No. 350, to amend title 18, United States Code, to regulate the transfer of firearms over the Internet. **Pages S5253–59**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, with votes to occur on Hatch/Craig Amendment No. 344 (listed above) and Schumer Amendment No. 350 (listed above), on Friday, May 14, 1999. **Page S5319**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the Amended Mines Protocol), to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Convention Weapons which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Treaty Doc. 105–1(A)) (Exec. Rept. No. 106–2). **Pages S5262–64**

Appointments:

Senate Legal Counsel: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95–521, appointed Patricia Mack Bryan, of Virginia, as Senate Legal Counsel, effective as of June 1, 1999,

for a term of service to expire at the end of the 107th Congress. Page S5318

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the National Institute of Building Sciences for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-28). Page S5262

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey Rush, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Prudence Bushnell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Arthur L. Money, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total-117) Pages S5194, S5214, S5236-38, S5240

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5319.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued in evening session to mark up S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

ALASKAN NATIONAL PARKS/OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT/NATIVE HIRING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska, S. 711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Saunders, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Molly McCammon, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, and Boris Merculief, St. George Traditional Council and Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Inc., both of Anchorage, Alaska; Charlie Curtis, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., and Dennis J. Tiepelman, Maniilaq Association, both of Kotzebue, Alaska; and Loretta Bullard, Kawerak, Inc., Nome, Alaska.

CLEAN WATER ACTION PLAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to the President's Clean Water Action Plan, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Gary G. Beach, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; John Godbee, International Paper Company, Washington, DC, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Daniel F. Heilig, Wyoming Outdoor Council, Lander, on behalf of the Clean Water Network; Ross Wilson, Texas Cattle Feeder's Association, Amarillo, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Jane Nishida, Maryland Department of the Environment, Baltimore.

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

Committee on Finance: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the United States Customs Service, focusing on commercial operations, international trade, law enforcement, and the Automated Commercial Environment, receiving testimony from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Nancy Killefer, Assistant Secretary for Financial Management, and Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, all of the Department of the Treasury; Randolph C. Hite, Associate Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; George Bardos and Ty Bordner, both of Vastara, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Kevin Smith, General Motors